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1. GABRIEL LADERMAN, PROFESSOR OF ART QUEENS COLLEGE, "NEW AMERICAN POP-REALISM", ICS/DA ID-99.

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3. LADERMAN GAVE LECTURE AND 3DAY WORKSHOP FOR 20 2ND 3RD YEAR ART STUDENTS AT JAKARTA'S INSTITUTE OF ART EDUCATION, LECTURE AND 1-DAY WORKSHOP FOR 25 ESTABLISHED ARTISTS, HEADS OF SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENTS, AND SENIOR ART STUDENTS UNDER SPONSORSHIP OF ART COUNCIL IN SURABAYA. LADERMAN SOUGHT TO CONVEY IMPORTANCE OF LINEAR DYNAMICS AND SPATIAL RELATIONSHIPS THAT ARE BASIC IN BOTH ABSTRACT OR REALISTIC PAINTING. THIS RATHER AMBITIIOUS UNDERTAKING TOOK PLACE THROUGH INTRODUCTORY LECTURE WITH SLIDES, WHICH LADERMAN INSISTED ON EXPLAINING IN "BAHASA MALAYU", AND EXERCISES FROM STILL LIFE AND REPRODUCTIONS OF EARLY EUROPEAN MASTERS. HIS USE OF MALAYSIAN AND RADICAL DEPARTURE FROM INDONESIAN ART TRADITION CAUSED SOME CONFUSION IN JAKARTA, BUT THROUGH CAJOLING,
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CRITICITING, PRAISING STUDENTS AS THEY WORKED LADERMAN FINALLY MANAGED TO CONVEY SOME OF HIS MAIN IDEAS.

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LADERMAN'S ONE-DAY WORKSHOP IN SURABAYA BENEFITED FROM LESSONS LEARNED IN JAKARTA; HE ALSO CONSENTED TO AN INTERPRETER. LADERMAN PROVED HIMSELF TO BE DYNAMIC, TALENTED TEACHER AND ARTIST WITH AUDACITY TO ATTEMPT COMMUNICATION OF DIFFICULT ARTISTIC CONCEPTS IN SHORT TIME DESPITE OBSTACLES OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURES. ALL WHO ATTENDED HIS SESSIONS WERE IMPRESSED BY HIM. HE MAY EVEN HAVE SOME LASTING IMPACT ON ARTISTS WITH WHOM HE WORKED.
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